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MNC-7012
9 September 87

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- August

I. GENERAL

Over the month, work continued on connecting antennas and other equipment in the new bureau and on landscaping the grounds and atriums. Positions for the long-wire antennas were surveyed in preparation for antenna construction, which is to begin soon.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau relinquished coverage of the West Bank Arabic press and two clandestine Persian radios on 3 August upon the return to Tel Aviv of its Persian/Arabic monitor. Nicosia had been monitoring these media since 26 June.

2. The Persian section maintained an open-speaker watch on Tehran Domestic Service for 4 hours on 2 August in response to an announcement of rallies planned in Tehran to protest the deaths of Iranian pilgrims in Mecca. The radio was put on open watch again on 6 August, the Muslim holiday of 'Id al-Adha.

3. In the wake of the Mecca demonstrations, the dayshift slot editor reported for duty early on the mornings of 6 - 9 August to ensure that priority Tehran items on the events monitored from the early morning 0330 and 0430 GMT newcasts were filed in a timely fashion.

4. After being alerted by Nicosia radio, the bureau picked up a copy of the Nicosia paper ALITHIA on 7 August and filed a report that a car loaded with explosives had been discovered at the British military base at Episkopi in Southern Cyprus. Other Nicosia media later cited a British Forces statement denying that any explosives were found. ALITHIA is not normally on coverage.

5. Beirut Domestic Service was off the air from 14 to 24 August due to maintenance and repair work. Second hand reports stated that the technical facilities had deteriorated to the point of collapse due to the absense of proper air conditioning and periodic maintenance.

6. A Tehran Voice of Palestine cast in Arabic was surveyed for 1 week and program summaries were filed. The bureau concluded that the content did not warrant placing the cast on regular coverage. MOD has been advised.

B. Communications

The bureau experienced a primary circuit outage for 14 hours on 27 and 28 August due to a "Skylink problem" [redacted]. A similar problem on 31 August resulted in another 9-hour outage.

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C. Lateral Services

1. Operations began on a high note on 18 August with a Voice of Lebanon report that U.S. journalist Charles Glass, a hostage in West Beirut, had escaped. The duty editor kept the DCM updated throughout the day as the report was confirmed and more details emerged.

2. In response to a Headquarters request on 24 August, the bureau set up a temporary lateral service package for the American Consulate in Adana, Turkey. It includes reports on Kurdish fighting and activities, PKK activities, terrorism in Turkey, attacks on the oil pipeline, and security conditions in southeast Turkey.

D. Technical

1. Equipment received: One Delta multicoupler, model SRMC 1 x 10.

2. Equipment transferred to Headquarters: Two Delta multicouplers, model SRMC 2 x 4/TNF-2.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [redacted] underwent emergency surgery on 10 August. She has recovered fully and reported back to work on 27 August.

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2. Engineer [redacted] returned to Nicosia on 15 August after R&R in the United States.

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3. New Deputy Chief [redacted] arrived on 22 August, replacing [redacted] who departed in late May.

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4. Teletypist [redacted] continues on TDY at Tel Aviv Bureau during their personnel shortage. He is expected to return to Cyprus in late September.

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for August 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	267620
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	140670
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	795

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	9310.00 min.	22260.00 min.	126.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

CHINA

Beijing in

Persian to Iran

0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Iran's Flag of Freedom
Radio in

Persian

280

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in

Arabic

12960

(Clandestine) Radio Iran in

Persian

0

(Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in

Arabic

200

(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in

Arabic

6980

(Clandestine) Voice of the People in

Arabic

1140

CYPRUS

Nicosia Domestic Service in

English

110

Nicosia Domestic Service in

Greek

3190

Nicosia Television Service in

Greek

700

Nicosia ALITHIA in

Greek

410

Nicosia CYPRUS MAIL in

English

480

Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA TIS

DHEFTERAS in

Greek

0

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			520
Nicosia HALKIN SESI in Turkish			110
Nicosia I SIMERINI TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia I SIMERINI in Greek			1470
Nicosia KHARAVYI TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek			370
Nicosia KHARAVYI in Greek			1520
Nicosia KIBRIS POSTASI in Turkish			330
Nicosia MESIMVRINI in Greek			830
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in Greek			2450
Nicosia TA NEA in Greek			710
Nicosia YENIDUZEN in Turkish			1310
EGYPT			
Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	19270		
Cairo Voice of the Arabs in Arabic	200		
Cairo MENA in Arabic		26840	
Cairo MENA in English		6530	
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		9120	
GREECE			
Athens Domestic Service in Greek	7390		
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English			2040
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			3240

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			240
Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			650
Athens KIRIAKATIKOS RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			0
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			1000
IRAN			
Tehran International Service in Arabic	0		
Tehran International Service in Turkish	1290		
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	63380		
IRAQ			
Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	12970		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	19150		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in English	190		
Beirut Voice of National Resistance in Arabic	10230		
Ihdin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon in Arabic	420		
Beirut AL-NAHAR AL-'ARABI WA AL-DUWALI in Arabic			0
Beirut AL-NAHAR in Arabic			610
Beirut AL-SAFIR in Arabic			550
Beirut AL-SHIRA' in Arabic			2080
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			0
LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic	70		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland in Arabic	0		
TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			0
Istanbul BULVAR in Turkish			790
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			5390
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			1790
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			6880
Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish			11400
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			8110
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Persian	1350		
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	0		
Moscow in Greek to Greece	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	2460		
Baku Domestic Service in Azeri	950		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Uzbek	910		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London AL-SHARQ AL-AWSAT in Arabic			4060